



Indiana Department of Education
SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

FACT SHEET

Homeless Education Disaster Assistance

OVERVIEW

The Homeless Education Disaster Assistance (HEDA) program is a new, one-year \$15 million grant to assist public schools that experienced increases in homeless students as a result of federally declared natural disasters that occurred in the calendar year 2008. **All grant applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. EST on Monday, February 9, 2009.**

ELIGIBILITY

Any public local education agency (includes school corporations and charter schools) whose enrollment of homeless students increased by 50 or more students is eligible for the grant funds. School corporations and charter schools may apply individually or as a consortium to meet the funding threshold of 50 or more students.

FEDERALLY DECLARED NATURAL DISASTERS

Indiana experienced federally declared natural disasters on the following dates:

- January 30, 2008
- June 8, 2008
- September 23, 2008

A listing of qualifying federal natural disasters that occurred in other states can be found in the grant application.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Local education agencies may apply via the U.S. Department of Education's electronic application tool located at <http://e-grants.ed.gov>. New users must register online before creating or accessing a grant application. **All applications must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. EST on Monday, February 9, 2009.**

MORE INFORMATION

Guidance information and other resources related to the grant program are available online at www.serve.org/nche/heda.php.

ASSISTANCE

If you have questions or need assistance with the HEDA grant application, contact Christina Endres with the Indiana Department of Education at (317) 232-0548 or endres@doe.in.gov. Learn more about the HEDA program and other resources for homeless students at www.doe.in.gov/homeless.



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